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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR MOPS AO CG SUBJ: ATTACK ON SHABA

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- 1. THE AMBASSADOR BRIEFED PERMANENT SECRETARY NGONDA ON KATANGAN GENDARMES ATTACK ON TOWNS OF EASTERN SHABA ACCORDING TO MOST RECENT INFORMATION, STATING IT WAS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT TOWNS OF KAPANGA, DILOLO AND KISENGE MAY HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BY THE INVADING FORCES, WITH SOME REPORTS OF ACTIVITY IN THE SANDOA AREA. HE SAID US CONCERN WAS RELATED TO SAFETY OF AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN THE AREA. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THE DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING HARD, RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM AN AREA AS ISOLATED AS THIS AND MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PRESENCE OF WHITE TROOPS WITHOUT ASSIGNING NATIONALITY.
- 2. NGONDA WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE INFORMATION. HE HAD RECEIVED ONE REPORT OF ATTACK BY 1,000 TROOPS WHICH DID NOT SPECIFY WHERE THEY HAD COME FROM AND HE HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN CONTACTING HIS CONSUL GENERAL IN LUBUMBASHI. NGONDA NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS FOR ZAMBIA AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION OF OUR BRIEFING HIM. HE ASKED THAT WE CONTINUE TO PASS ON INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. LOW CONFIDENTIAL

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